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### **HACKEL FORMS MACOMB COUNTY WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel today announced the formation of a new private sector/public sector panel to support clean water, tourism, recreation and economic development along Lake St. Clair and the Clinton River.

The new Macomb County Water Resources Advisory Council will concentrate on water quality, water access and water attraction – the three cornerstones of Hackel’s “New Blue Economy” initiative for the county.

The 22-member council includes representatives from government, higher education, environmental agencies, economic development and private industry. This group is the first advisory group formed by the county executive under the new form of government.

“We are embracing the passion these residents, business and policy leaders as we work toward keeping our waterways free of debris, pollution and our beaches open. Making Lake St. Clair and the Clinton River more accessible to people so that they become destination points for tourism and commerce will also be part of our comprehensive focus,” said Hackel.

Hackel said the lake and river are tremendous assets that the county needs to leverage in order to help attract new industries that are drawn by improved quality of life attributes.

In addition, the council will focus on attracting smart water technology companies; one of the County’s targeted industry sectors.

Among the New Blue Economy initiative’s short-term goals are to open up the Clinton River for canoeing and kayaking between Utica and Rochester and to erect promotional and locational signage for Lake St. Clair along key roadways in the county.

“I look forward to working with the new Macomb County Water Resources Advisory Council to protect our waterways and to maximize the quality of life attributes and investment opportunities they offer our county,” Hackel added. “Each member brings tremendous experience and expertise to the table.”

The new members of the Water Resource Advisory Council and their agencies they represent are:

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# News

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AGENCY/OFFICE/DISCIPLINE	NAME
County Executive	Mark Hackel <i>(plus one designee)</i>
Commission BOC	Kathy Vosburg <i>(or one designee)</i>
Planning & Economic Development	Gerry Santoro
Public Works Office – Phase II Environmental Engineer	Lynne Seymour
Health Department – Health Officer	Gary White
Prosecutor’s Office– Environmental Prosecutor	Luanne Lammerman
Macomb Sheriff Dept.	Lt. Brian Barlog
Clinton River Watershed Council	Anne Vaara
Members at Large (2)	Tom Morley & (1) T.B.D.
HCMA - Environmentalist	Paul Muelle
SEMCOG	Chuck Hersey
Oakland County Water Resources Commission	Jim Wineka
Research – University	Dr. Scott Tiegs <i>(Oakland University)</i>
Community College	Randall Young <i>(Macomb Community College)</i>
State/Regional Policy	Ken DeBeaussaert
Agricultural & Soil Conservation District	Mike Pratt <i>(Grade A Farms)</i>
Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority	Steve Olinek
Michigan DNR – AOC/PAC Officer	Jennifer Tewkesbury
Private Civil Engineering Firm	Roy Rose <i>(Anderson, Eckstein &amp; Westrick)</i>
Private Marina Industry	Steve Remias <i>(Michigan Boating Industry Association)</i>
Lake St. Clair Tourism Initiative designee	Brad Simmons

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